

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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A method and device for producing hollow bodies comprising a gas barrier coating, in particular PET containers comprising a coating of polyvinyl alcohol. The hollow bodies are treated in a device for increasing the surface energy of the surface to be coated and then in a coating device and a drier. To improve the gas barrier effect of the gas barrier coating, a multi-stage pre-treatment is disclosed, in which the hollow body is subjected to an electrostatic discharge after the treatment for increasing the surface energy.